

## WHOLESALE THIEF

Store of L. D. Frutchey at Mangum Raided Friday Night and \$600 Worth of Clothing, Shoes etc. Hauled Away.

Last Friday night between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock, the store of L. D. Frutchey at Mangum, in the upper part of Richmond county, was broken into and clothing, shoes, etc. to the value of around \$600 were stolen. Entrance was made through a front window, despite the fact that the store fronts the main highway and is in front of an occupied residence; and, too, a bright moon was shining.

So anxious is Mr. Frutchey to discover the thief or thieves, that he is offering a reward of \$100 for their arrest and conviction.

It was a nervy bit of thievery, especially since the man they stole from is a County Commissioner, and in addition is a member of the present six-months Grand Jury.

In last Monday's Greensboro News appeared an account of the arrest on Saturday near Danville, Virginia, of a white man

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## Strikes Still Unsettled.

Both the railroad and coal strikes are still unsettled. Important conferences are being held daily, but apparently the end is not yet in sight. On the other hand, it is possible a solution may be reached at any moment, and the strikers return to work.

Many are of the opinion that the strike will be long drawn out. It is generally believed that the Big Four (the members of the four large unions of engineers, firemen, etc.) will also go on a strike very shortly; they will probably contend that the strike of the machinists etc. has prevented the engines from being washed out and attended to and that it will be unsafe for them to be operated—hence their refusal to further run the engines.

In event the engineers walk out, the chances are that the Government would take control of the railroads as a national emergency, and either commandeer or draft the strikers.

Anyway it is viewed, it is a serious situation and our people will breathe a sigh of relief when it is settled and folks can work unmolested, and the country undisturbed by striking disorders.

## Detour Hamlet Road.

The construction forces are at work grading the road from Rockingham to Hamlet, preparatory to concrete, and so the road is blocked from the County Home to Spring street, in Hamlet. The detour, however, at the County Home, is just as good a bit of road as the original highway.

BUILD A BUILDING.

## Bennett for Senate.

The Montgomery county Democrats in convention at Troy August 8th nominated C. C. Bennett as their candidate for the State Senate.

This Senatorial district is composed of four counties—Richmond, Scotland, Montgomery and Davidson. The four counties are entitled to two Senators; this year Richmond and Montgomery furnish the Senators, and two years hence Scotland and Davidson will furnish them. In the July 1st primary Richmond county nominated W. E. Harrison, and now Montgomery county has nominated C. C. Bennett.

And so the Senators for this district in the next Legislature will be Messrs. Harrison and Bennett.

We might mention here that in the convention at Troy Aug. 8th R. B. Reynolds was nominated for the House, and W. A. Cochran was named as county chairman.

## New Theatre to Open.

"The Garden" is the latest venture into the theatrical and moving picture field in Rockingham. Some weeks ago Mr. M. H. French leased from T. C. Leak and H. C. Wall the opera house, and with Wm. G. Atkinson as manager the place has literally been turned upside down. The interior, the decorations, fixtures, scenery and general tone to the place must be seen to be appreciated. Summed up, it is said by many to be the prettiest picture house in Piedmont Carolina.

The doors will be thrown open for the first show next Tuesday, August 15th. The opening attraction will be "The Old Nest" and with the Bible creation pictures, Pathe News and comedies there will be presented 13 reels. The show will start every day at one o'clock and run continuously until 11 at night, with a complete change of program daily. The price next Tuesday is 10 and 25c. A 4-piece orchestra will provide the music, consisting of Jerome Pence, Boyd Gasque, Bill Ormond and Mr. Watson.

In the fall and winter theatrical attractions will be booked. The Garden is a handsome show house, and one that our large cities would be proud to claim. Mr. French had original and expensive ideas as to how a picture house should be arranged, and The Garden fits the bill.

## Coal Survey.

Fifty coal dealers in North Carolina assembled in Raleigh Monday for a conference with Coal Director R. O. Self regarding the coal supply for the State. Mr. John L. Armistead, of Rockingham, was appointed to make the coal survey for Richmond, Scotland and Anson counties. This survey is really to ascertain the needs for domestic coal. If the strike continues it is possible a really drastic coal rationing method may be employed, similar to that prevailing during the World War. The Government is going to see to it that industries are supplied with fuel and the people with domestic coal, strike or no strike. And the Director made a good selection in appointing John Armistead to make this survey of the domestic coal needs.

PUSH ROCKINGHAM FORWARD.

## OUTRAGE NEAR PINEHURST

White Man Shot and His Wife Criminally Assaulted Near Southern Pines on Thursday Night of Last Week. Three Negroes Rushed to Penitentiary to Prevent Their Being Lynched.

The following account of the horrible crime perpetrated between Southern Pines and Pinehurst last Thursday night is taken from Saturday's Raleigh News and Observer. The man shot is understood to be recovering. The three negroes will be brought to Carthage next Monday, Aug. 14th, under heavy guard, for trial. It is the regular criminal term of Court, but it is understood this case will come first.

The following is the News & Observer account of August 5th:

"Hotly pursued by more than a score of Sandhill citizens bent on lynching his three prisoners charged with criminal assault on a white woman, and perhaps fatally shooting her husband as he lay asleep just outside Southern Pines early Friday morning, Sheriff D. A. Blue, of Moore county swung through the gates of the State Prison at Raleigh shortly afternoon and gave the three negroes into the custody Warden Busbee.

Not twenty minutes behind the Packard in which Sheriff Blue had covered the 72 miles between Southern Pines and Raleigh in considerably less than two hours, a dozen other high powered touring cars pulled up at the prison gates. They had left the Sandhills behind the sheriff and his prisoners.

## Black Crime Charged.

Presence of members of the pursuit group in the city last night, and widespread rumors that an attempt to storm the State Prison might be made during the night, caused Governor Morrison to order a Machine Gun Company and a detachment of the Raleigh Service Company for guard duty here. Everything was quiet when the guardsmen went on duty last night at 10 o'clock, with two machine guns covering the approaches to the prison. Prison officials said that the step was purely precautionary.

Behind the race between the sheriff and the enraged Sandhill citizens lay one of the blackest crimes in the history of the State. Thursday night, A. E. Ketchen, his wife and year old daughter, making their way leisurely from Miami, Fla., to their old home in Connecticut by automobile, had pitched their camp just outside the corporate limits of Southern Pines.

At 1 o'clock in the morning Mrs. Ketchen was awakened by a shot. Her husband had been shot through the left breast as he lay asleep on his cot. The baby's head was missed by a

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## Two Juries Drawn.

The County Commissioners were in session Monday, transacting routine business. Two juries were drawn, one for the civil term that begins Sept. 4th, and one for the criminal term that begins Sept. 25th. Judge Long will preside at both terms.

## Jury, Civil Term, Sept. 4th.

T F Lentz	W A Hope
Noah Lampley	V K Lampley
J H Webb	T J Fletcher
H M Baucom	J F Stephenson
A E Waddell	A S Cowan
D N Poindexter	W P McRae
J E Forbis	L F Thomas
J W Thomas	T B Hunter
J K Ballard	M L Tucker
W L Boone	C M Brady
C S Warren	B C Ussery
E T Rhyne	Vance Sikes

## Jury, Criminal Term, Sept. 25th.

T L Munn	J D Cameron
Jas. A. Covington	R H Huntley
H D Ledbetter	Jas I Hardie
J F Stafford	E A Allen
J E McLaughlin	W R Gordon
G G Ussery	J B Melton
J B Moss	T E Davis
G A Patrick	J T Lentz
Thos A Covington	J D Covington
J J Boyette	J L Riggan
Z F Lovin	C C Pepper
C E D Egerton	T E Dabbs

## Street Work.

The work on the streets of Rockingham is progressing rather slowly at present, due to material shortage by reason of the railroad and coal strikes.

The steam shovel has completed the grading on Roberson street and is now grading Pee Dee street (or Steele street). Roberson street will be paved; this extends from the end of Fifth avenue westward to the Hitchcock creek bridge.

The asphalt mixer and other equipment for this work arrived Tuesday and have been unloaded. The construction force Friday will begin smoothing North Washington street preparatory to laying concrete; and, as stated above, concrete will be laid as soon as the strike enables the railroad to deliver material. The laying of concrete will begin at the Methodist church end of North Washington.

## 28,000 Killed by Storm.

On August 2nd a typhoon swept over the Chinese city of Swatow and the resultant tidal wave killed 28,000 people! Such a catastrophe is hard to realize, and a most ghastly task befell the survivors in trying to bury the thousands of dead. Again let us be thankful that we live in such a blessed country and section as ours.

## Mob Attacks Workers.

On Friday afternoon of last week the Seaboard officials sent five workmen under the protection of two guards, from the

Raleigh shops to Manly, a flag-station two miles north of Southern Pines. They were sent to take down the rods of a disabled engine preparatory to bringing it to the Raleigh shops.

One of the guards went down the track a short distance to get a tool from a section house, and in his absence eight automobiles drove up (the siding is in a few feet of the highway) and the 25 occupants sprang from the cars and quickly overpowered the workmen and guard. The men are said to have been gagged, bound and beaten. Some of the men were beaten so badly that they required medical attention; they were carried several miles in the cars and then turned out.

Sheriff D. A. Blue, of Moore county, was notified of the action of the mob and he hastened to the scene, but the mob had disappeared (as indeed it will always do when the Law takes a hand.) Sheriff Blue is getting evidence, and it is thought by the authorities that the mob was either strikers or strike sympathizers from Hamlet. At any rate, they did not intend that peaceful men should be allowed to work on jobs to which they think they hold a mortgage.

Sheriff Blue on Saturday reported that he had found about 20 pounds of explosives under the disabled engine.

Governor Morrison has offered a reward of \$400 for the capture of each of the 25 men who were in the attacking party—the total reward being \$10,000.

## David Powell - Mary Glynne

in

## "APPEARANCES"

## AT THE STAR THEATRE

FRIDAY, AUG. 11th

Adm. 10 and 25c.

## Auction Sale Peters.

The auction sale of business property in Rockingham Wednesday did not amount to much. In fact, the sale of the 20-foot lots on Hancock and Franklin streets was stopped by the owner after three lots were sold.

The Carolina Land & Exchange Co., had the sale in charge. The company extensively advertised it, but the bidding was not up to what the owners were willing to take.

As a matter of fact, only three (Continued on Page 12.)

## Bonds Fine Premium.

The County Commissioners in extra session Wednesday sold \$75,000 Richmond County gold bonds for a premium of \$103.58. This speaks splendidly for the credit of the county. The bonds bear an interest rate of but 5 per cent. The successful bidder was the Baltimore firm of Hanchell Bond Co. This bond house was the only one of the 21 firms that submitted a five per cent interest bid.

## Colored School to Be Remodeled.

The School Board of the town met this week and awarded the contract for enlarging the colored school to A. D. Dumas. Work will begin immediately. The enlargement will consist of adding two rooms to the west end, and enclosing the two-story wooden building in a casing of brick veneer. This will give 8 rooms and auditorium. Last year an addition was made to the building; in fact, this new improvement will have practically doubled the size over two years ago. The cost of this new improvement will be \$6,500. The school will open for the fall term about the middle of September; the construction work will not interfere with the opening.

## Library Hours.

The Library is open every afternoon during the week from 3 to 6 o'clock, and on Saturday nights from 8 to 10.

## Program at

## The Star Theatre Rockingham, N. C.

For the week beginning Aug. 14th

Monday, Aug. 14th

Gloria Swanson in

"HER HUSBAND'S TRADEMARK"

Admission 10 and 25c Matinee at 2:30 Night at 7

Tuesday, Aug. 15th.

"HER HUSBAND'S TRADEMARK"

Wednesday, Aug. 16th.

Alice Lake in

"THE HOLE IN THE WALL" and "SCREEN SNAPSHOTS NO. 3

Thursday, Aug. 17th

"SALVATION NELL"—a First National Attraction

Friday, Aug. 18th.

"AFTER THE SHOW" with Jack Holt, Lila Lee, and Chas. Ogle

Saturday, Aug. 19th.

"RAG DOLL ROMANCE" a comedy. "GO GET 'EM HUTCH" No. 14

Wm. Desmond in "PERILS OF THE YUKON" No. 7

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